

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Disarmament

THE "patience and perseverance" which Sir Anthony Eden warns must be shown before any positive results can be gained from Big Four discussions have surely been exemplified by the United Nations Disarmament Committee. Not only has the committee, set up last year, failed to achieve its purpose, but at last a definite narrowing of opposing views between the Soviet Union and the Western members of the committee.

Whatever the shortcomings of the latest Russian proposals, they do at least indicate an important measure of agreement on certain essentials for world disarmament, and the five-power committee can now continue its task more optimistic of concrete achievement than at any previous time.

The principal Soviet concessions now being offered are: (1) agreement to international control agents being stationed in every country, including Russia; (2) approval of the Western proposal for a census, incorporating disclosure and verification, of each nation's strength in conventional weapons; (3) acquiescence to the West's insistence that ceilings for standing armies in Russia, America, China, Britain and France be graduated; (4) acceptance of the West's provision that atomic weapons could be used in defence against aggression.

These represent impressive concessions, and while it is true some of the Russian phraseology requires clarification, a basis is offered for negotiations which could bring world disarmament into the realm of reality by the end of this year.

Two points in the Russian proposals create doubt and misgiving. There appears to be an inference that the Soviets intend to have the power of the veto applied to the employment of atomic weapons even for purely defensive means. Secondly the Russians have dragged in the question of eliminating foreign bases and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Europe. Palpably this is intended to destroy the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the West European Union. It is a question which bears no relation to the reduction of national armies and conventional weapons, and the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons. It is a red herring proposal, and it may have been deliberately included by the Russians because they know it cannot be accepted by the Western powers.

Much, therefore, depends on how insistent the Soviets are about this particular condition. If they are adamant, the rest of their plan becomes valueless. Thus, while much of the latest proposals can be welcomed as an encouraging contribution to a solution of the disarmament problem, considerable clarification and some amendment is required before full agreement can be reached in the five-nation committee.

U.S. READY TO HELP H.K. REFUGEES

Will Make Available More Food Supplies  
UN COMMITTEE PRAISES COLONY'S EFFORTS

Geneva, May 12. The United States government today indicated readiness to give surplus food supplies if needed for some of the estimated 667,000 Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

Mr Christopher H. Phillips, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, reminded the 20-nation executive committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF) that the United States had given considerable quantities of surplus food to Far Eastern peoples in countries including Korea. He added:

"I feel very confident that the United States government would be prepared to make available additional surplus food supplies for distribution by voluntary agencies as circumstances might require."

Borough Elections

Swing To Tories

London, May 13. First results in the local council elections in about 400 boroughs, in England and Wales where polling took place today showed a definite swing towards the Conservative party.

Just before midnight, the results of 256 boroughs—mainly cities and towns—declared the Conservative party had gained 145 seats and lost 20.

Labour had gained 34 seats and lost 172.

These borough council results are expected to provide a pointer for the May 26 general election.

Party leaders kept in touch with their headquarters throughout the night as the results flooded in.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Conservatives' Big Victory

London, May 13. The Conservatives inflicted a crushing defeat on the Socialists in yesterday's municipal elections in England and Wales.

With only four results to come in this morning, the returns showed the Conservatives had won 334 seats and lost 38 and the Socialists won only 47 and lost 388.

The Liberals won 18 seats and lost eight while the Independents won 75 and lost 49.

There are no Communist councillors in England and Wales as the Party lost its only two remaining seats.

The Socialists also lost control of 11 municipal councils.—France-Press.

A Special Election Series

A young Canadian whose voice is known to millions of BBC listeners begins a special series of three articles on the British General Election in the China Mail tomorrow.

He is Robert Mackenzie, political commentator and author of the widely acclaimed book "British Political Parties" published in January. Tomorrow he discusses the Tory Party.

Don't miss this topical, up-to-the-moment series to be published exclusively in the China Mail.

Other highlights of the feature-packed week-end Mail are: Will Polio be succeeded by some new and even more deadly disease?

The allies lost more than the Russians in the new Austrian treaty, says Stefan Delmer.

In addition there are all your favourite Saturday features including Gilles, Jane Roberts' film reviews, a short story, three pages of local and overseas pictures, Week-end Woman sense, local and overseas sports reviews... all in the China Mail.

More Riots Expected Today

THREE DEAD IN SINGAPORE  
Wave Of Strikes Arranged

Singapore, May 13. Calm was restored late last night after a day of rioting by bus workers and student sympathisers as a result of four police charges with fire hoses and tear gas.

But the chief of the Special Branch Police, Mr Alan Blades, said: "We expect worse tomorrow", when interviewed yesterday. Blades had set up his headquarters opposite the bus company premises which he expected to be attacked at dawn today.

Officials last night stated that the disorders had been very carefully prepared by the Communist leaders, and that the rioters, who had been provided with ammonia and acid bottles to throw at the police, had acted according to a prearranged plan with unexpected discipline.

One European was reported killed, one Chinese student was shot dead and a policeman fatally injured in rioting yesterday.

Last night a mob of howling Chinese students were trying to parade their dead classmate's body before the premises of the Hok Lee bus company, where fighting between strikers—assisted by students—and the police began in the morning.

The police, using hoses and tear gas, had tried to move on pickets and supporters gathered outside the company's premises. Yesterday morning 5,000 students and rioters were in the streets and their numbers increased all day until last night. It was announced that an entire suburban district was filled with over 10,000 rioters.

Mr David Marshall, the Chief Minister of the newly elected Singapore Government, stated in a broadcast that the riots were "closely conforming to Communist technique in seeking to foment industrial unrest."

Along the Alexandra Road, Singapore's embattled thoroughfare, tear gas mingled last night with the fumes of ammonia from bottles thrown by the strikers and schoolboys, as police patrols sought to quell the rioting crowds.

For over two miles along Alexandra Road, near the site of the Hok Lee bus company, the road was blocked—but only temporarily. No sooner did the police erect road barricades of stones and paving blocks than the crowds tore them down again and swarmed into the disputed area.

Several cars were overturned and set on fire, including one police car. Of the two policemen driving it, one was seriously wounded and one believed to be fatally wounded.

STUDENT DIES  
A Chinese middle school student died on admission to hospital with gunshot wounds. He is believed to have been shot by police with a sten gun burst when a mob attacked a police radio car.

Four Chinese, who brought the student to the hospital, have been detained for interrogation.

United Press correspondent, Gene Symonds, underwent an emergency operation for a fractured skull and arm. He is on the dangerously ill list.

The government announced today (Friday) that groups are standing by in the light of continuing mob activities.

CALLING STRIKES  
A wave of strikes involving 40,000 workers in Singapore will be called in the next few days. The strikes will paralyse nearly all industry and transport.

There may be strikes at the naval base, civil airport, Cable and Wireless and the local film industry.

All these have been called in protest against the use of force by police.

Delegates of the unions after a meeting decided to send cables protesting against police action to the British Trades Union Congress, the Indian Trade Union Congress and the government of Nepal.

It was a Gurkha platoon which earlier in the day dispersed Communist strikers.—France-Press and Reuter.

Parrots Escape  
Paris, May 12. One hundred screaming parrots broke loose from their cages today as they were unloaded off a plane from Johannesburg, South Africa.

Only field employees pursued the birds with biscuits but most preferred freedom to a meal.—United Press.

HK Footballer Of The Year

The result of the Hongkong Footballer of the Year poll will be announced in tomorrow's China Mail.

SHOCK FOR CHURCH POLLSTERS

London, May 12. A church report said today that about 25 per cent of 400 men and women questioned in a poll thought there was nothing wrong in premarital relations between engaged couples.

The report was issued by a commission set up after the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland decided in 1950 to investigate the leisure pursuits and habits of young people.

The report said that though the 400 were not a representative group, they were far from being an "impossibly unique group."

It said that more than a third of the 238 men and over a tenth of the 154 women thought there was nothing wrong in premarital relations between engaged couples.

Sixteen per cent of the men and four per cent of the women thought there was nothing wrong in such relations even if the couple were not engaged.—Reuter.

Ratings Charged With Murder

Plymouth, May 12. Two 19-year-old naval ratings from the British aircraft carrier, Ark Royal, James Bannigan and Alwyn Jones, were jointly charged here today with murdering Norman Struthers, amateur actor, in a Glasgow flat.

A nation-wide manhunt followed the finding of Struthers, aged 28, dying in his apartment eight days ago after an overnight party.

The two sailors were alleged in court this morning to have caused his death by cutting him on the body with a knife or other sharp instrument and striking him on the head possibly with a microphone stand.

They were also jointly charged with stealing from his flat a watch, a wallet, camera, diary, roll of recording tape and £7 in cash.

The two men were remanded in custody to await escort to Glasgow.

A detective told the court that he arrested Bannigan on board the Ark Royal here yesterday.

He said Bannigan admitted that he and Alwyn Jones were on leave together in Glasgow up to May 4 and had returned together to their ship.

Neither man made any statement.—China Mail special.

New Terrorism In Algeria

Algiers, May 12. French authorities fought desperately today to quell a new outbreak of terrorism and reports from Tunis said that several guerrillas have been caught running arms to Algeria from Libya.

Many officers expressed alarm that the increasingly bold attacks by the rebels may turn North Africa into another Indo-China.

Officers back from Vietnam said that the Algerian rebels were using precisely the same tactics as the Communist Vietnamese. They disperse quietly when French troops are around, and attack when they are not.—United Press.

REDS GO INTO SECRET SESSION

London, May 12. The eight East European Communist states headed by the Soviet Union, meeting in conference in Warsaw today, went into secret session to discuss unifying their military defences.

A communiqué issued after today's open session, reported by the Soviet news agency, Tass, said that a "closed session" of the conference heard a report "on problems connected with the establishment of combined armed forces." The report was presented by Soviet General of the Army, A. I. Antonov.

The communiqué did not give General Antonov's position in the Soviet Army, but he is a former Chief of the General Staff and a postwar commander of the Soviet Army in the Caucasus.

The Communist states are conferring at Warsaw to set up an Eastern Bloc NATO to match that of the West.

THE SPEAKERS  
Mr Andras Hegedus, who became Prime Minister of Hungary when Imre Nagy was dismissed for rightwing "deviationism" three weeks ago, presided when the conference resumed today.

The Albanian Prime Minister, Mr Mehmet Shkuru, was the first speaker. According to the communiqué, Dr Georgiu Dej, the Rumanian Premier, Mr Vukla Chervanov, the Bulgarian Premier, and Mr Peng Teh-hui, the Chinese Communist Vice-Premier and Defence Minister who is attending the conference as an observer, also spoke at today's session.

The communiqué gave no details of their statements but added that commissions set up after dinner and that next session would be held tomorrow.—Reuter.

Good Samaritan Act Tragedy

London, May 12. A passing motorist, Mr Frank Mills, 45, who stopped his car to help in a North London road accident late last night, collapsed and died as he telephoned for assistance.—China Mail Special.

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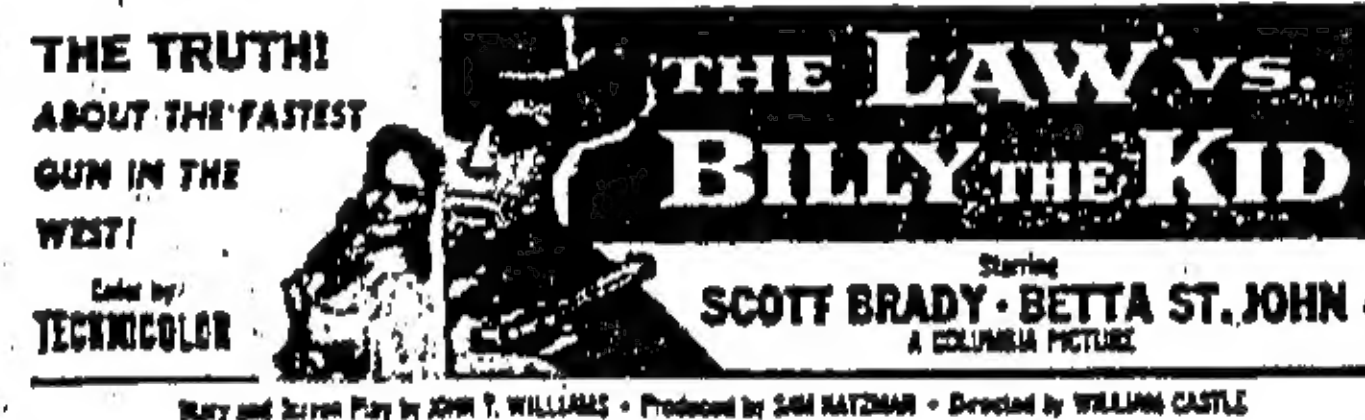
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## Soviet Disarmament Proposals

## AIMED AT EFFECT ON GERMAN UNITY

Bonn, May 12.

The latest Soviet proposals on disarmament are being interpreted here almost exclusively in the light of their effect on German unity — and Press and parliamentary backbench reaction is pessimistic.

Official sources refused comment until the Soviet proposals and their suggestions on Germany have been fully studied. But some senior officials say that at first sight they contain the "old kernel" — Russia's wish to neutralise Germany.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has assured his Western allies in Paris that this is unacceptable.

## REUNIFICATION AIM

Now that sovereignty has been achieved, there is general agreement in Bonn that the main aim of West German policy is national reunification.

Many of the Chancellor's advisers incline to the long-term view. They wish to consolidate West Germany's new position, and make the approach to reunification through the delour of a general easing of East-West tension.

In this view there are no grounds for the assumption that a Big Four meeting of heads of state would be primarily concerned with the German question. It is held that a German solution would be made much easier if general four-power agreement was first reached on such questions as disarmament and atomic controls.

But such a long-term policy would tend to get Dr Adenauer into trouble with West German voters, observers believe. Some newspapers and parliamentarians have already seized on the prospects of big-power talks as a chance — however faint — of early German reunification.

Foreign Office quarters regard these hopes of a quick solution with the greatest scepticism. The Social Democratic Opposition, always ready to criticise the Government for alleged lack of enthusiasm over reunification, has described the Soviet proposals as a "most useful starting point" for efforts to achieve permanent solutions to international tensions.

The independent rightwing Frankfurter Allgemeine said today the Soviet proposals "may be regarded as a rough draft of the Russian negotiations programme at the proposed four-power conference. They are sufficiently flexible to allow room for negotiations, but they do not contain the offer of German reunification."

## WARNING

The mass circulation independent Die Welt of Essen warned that the Soviet proposals "contain the danger that an agreement may be reached on the basis of the continued division of Germany."

It added "this is the sore spot in the present development. It can be removed only if the Western Powers refuse to accept such a solution and make suitable counter proposals." — Reuter.

## RAN RETURNING CARRIER

Canberra, May 12. About 1,000 officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy will leave Sydney for England in the carrier Vengeance on June 16 and bring back the new RAN carrier Melbourne from Britain.

The Melbourne, one of the most modern light fleet carriers afloat, will arrive in Australian waters in May next year. Navy Minister Josiah Francis said here the Vengeance, on loan from the Royal Navy, would return to its "owners" shortly after reaching England.

Vengeance was on loan until the Melbourne's re-fit in Britain was completed. — China Mail Special.

## Europe Caused His Misery

London, May 12.

Mr Reginald Cedric Boustead, British rubber planter, asked his trustees in his will published today to avoid investing in continental Europe "the nations of which I feel have been responsible for the misery and desolation of my generation."

Mr Boustead, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, England, left £19,462.

He was a Director of the United Planters Company of Ceylon, the Beau Sejour Rubber Company and the Waterfall Selangor Rubber Estates, Malaya. — China Mail Special.

## AMERICAN ENVOY SWORN IN

Bonn, May 12.

The United States ex-High Commissioner in West Germany, Mr James B. Conant, was sworn in today as US Special Ambassador in West Germany.

The changeover followed the granting of full sovereignty to West Germany when the Paris agreements went into effect last Sunday.

Next Saturday, Mr Conant will present his credentials to President Theodor Heuss, and then start on a protocol tour of regional capitals at the invitation of regional governments.

Meanwhile, an official communique published by the US High Commissioner's office in Berlin said it will henceforth be known as "The United States Mission in Berlin", but will carry out the same functions and duties as it has in the past.

Major-General George Honnen will remain as United States Commander in Berlin. It was announced. — France-Press.

## HIGH-HEEL SNATCHER

Oxford, May 12.

A 23-year-old tool-maker, Harry Grain, was stated in court here today to go around Oxford grabbing high-heeled shoes from women's feet in the streets.

A detective said that Grain would bend down apparently to tie his shoe lace as a woman passed, grab her ankle, snatch one shoe and run away.

At his home, police found a wardrobe full of such odd shoes. Grain told him "every time I see a woman in high-heeled shoes, I get a queer feeling I want to take them."

He pleaded guilty to six charges of stealing single shoes from women and was ordered to pay £14 to them in restitution. He was also placed on probation for a year on condition that he had psychiatric treatment. — China Mail Special.

## Show Thrilled Princess



"The Jazz Train", now running with great success in London, is the name of the all-Negro musical at the Piccadilly Theatre which so thrilled Princess Margaret recently that the cast stayed behind to give her a special performance. Included in this were items that had to be cut from the actual show because the "train" was running late. This Negro show is privately financed by officers of the US Air Force stationed in Britain. Half of the cast of the show came over to London from New York. The rest have been recruited from France and Italy. The show, a cavalcade of Negro song and dance through the ages, is produced by Mervyn Nelson. Photo shows: Star of the international cast, Freda Marshall (left) in one of her thrilling scenes with Carl Lattimer. — Reuterphoto.

## SAAR ACCORD A 'HAPPY EVENT' Says Macmillan

By Harold King.

Paris, May 12.

The Saar problem, persistent apple of discord between West Germany and France since the end of World War II, has been settled at last.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, said here today this was a "happy event" and a good augury for the start of inter-European co-operation inside the seven-nation Western European Union.

Agreement on the Saar was completed today when the Saar Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffmann, agreed to accept a compromise solution on the powers of the neutral High Commissioner to be appointed by the Western European Union.

The compromise was worked out yesterday after Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, and M. Antoine Pinay, French Foreign Minister, agreed to accept any decision of the majority of the Western European Union Council.

## COMPENSATION

The Saar is a rich coal and steel area on the Franco-German frontier with one million German-speaking inhabitants. After the war it was linked with France in a customs and currency union to compensate France for surrendering her reparations claims.

Last October Germany and France agreed to an autonomous statute for the Saar as part of the Paris agreements. Under the agreement a plebiscite is to be held in the Saar to determine whether the inhabitants approve the new "Europeanisation" status.

It also provides that the Saar foreign policy is to be conducted by a neutral Commissioner.

Last month Dr Adenauer and M. Pinay agreed that this neutral Commissioner should have certain powers of veto over actions of the Saar Government if he thought they were contrary to the statute.

Herr Hoffmann objected strongly that this deprived the Saar Government of any real autonomy.

The compromise solution now accepted by all three countries will be published tomorrow (Friday), it was learned today.

According to the Press reports, it will give the Commissioner the right to intervene in Saar Government decisions only in cases of flagrant violation requiring urgent steps. He would have the right to hold up the decision for one week pending a decision by the WEU Council.

## GERMAN FEARS

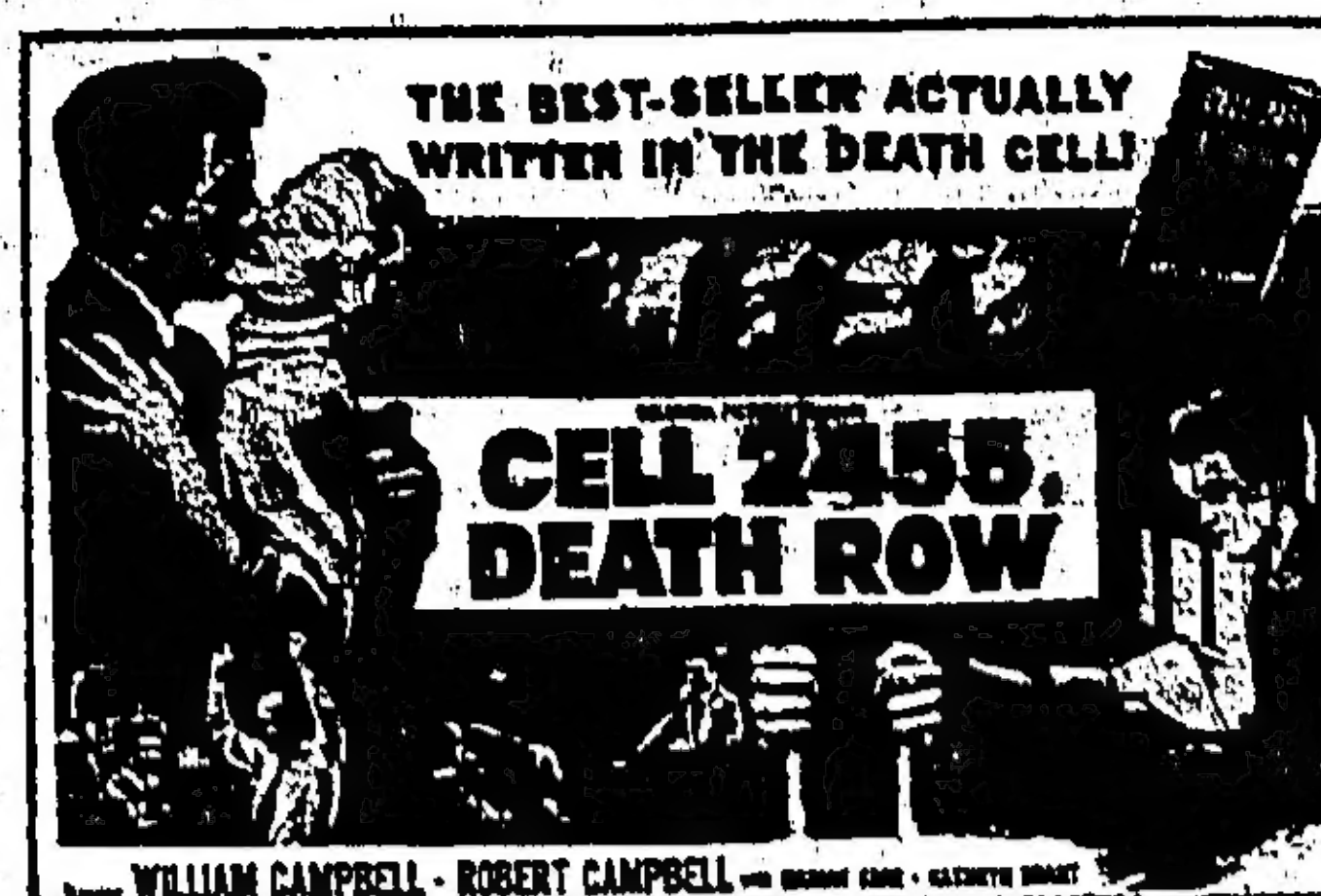
Behind the struggle over the Commissioner's powers lay German fears that the rights granted by the Saar agreement to German political parties would not be respected.

Under the Franco-German agreement the German political parties will be allowed to operate in the Saar for the first time and will be free to advocate any policy they like for the three months prior to the plebiscite. But if the plebiscite confirms the statute, no party will be able to call it into question.

The Western European Union yesterday left the appointment of the neutral Commissioner to be decided "through diplomatic correspondence." It is believed that they agreed on several possible Scandinavian and Swiss candidates, but have still to sound and three suggested. — Reuter.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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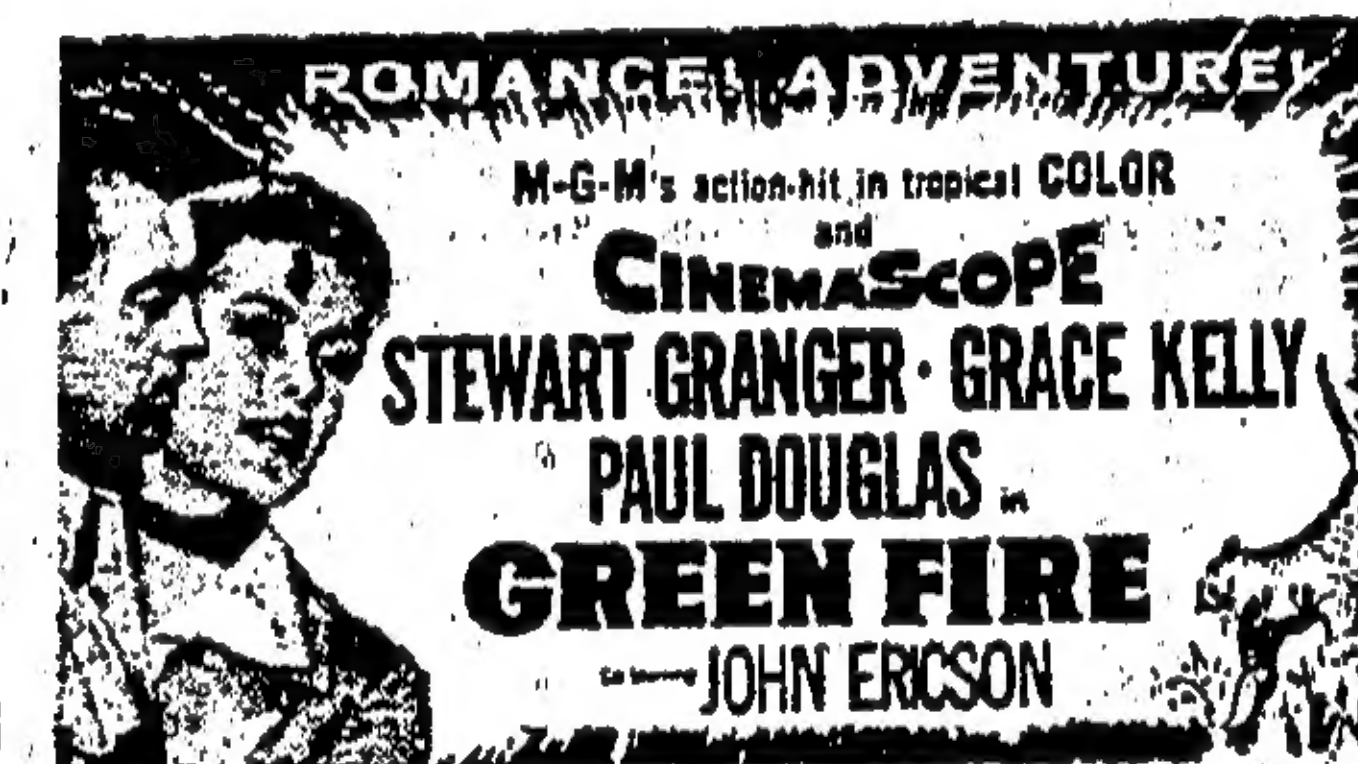
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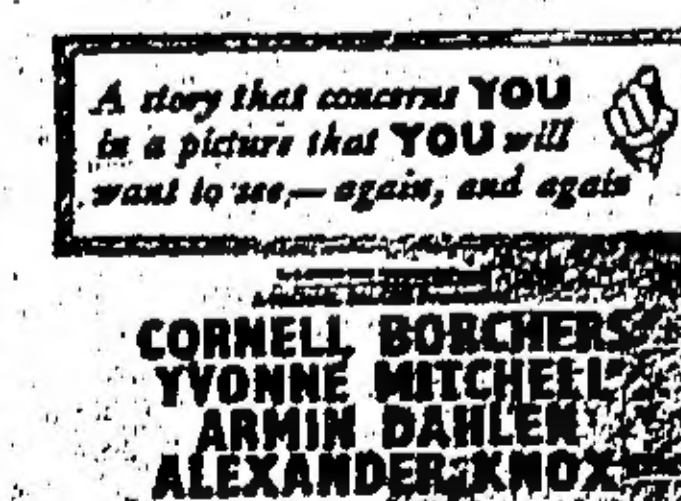
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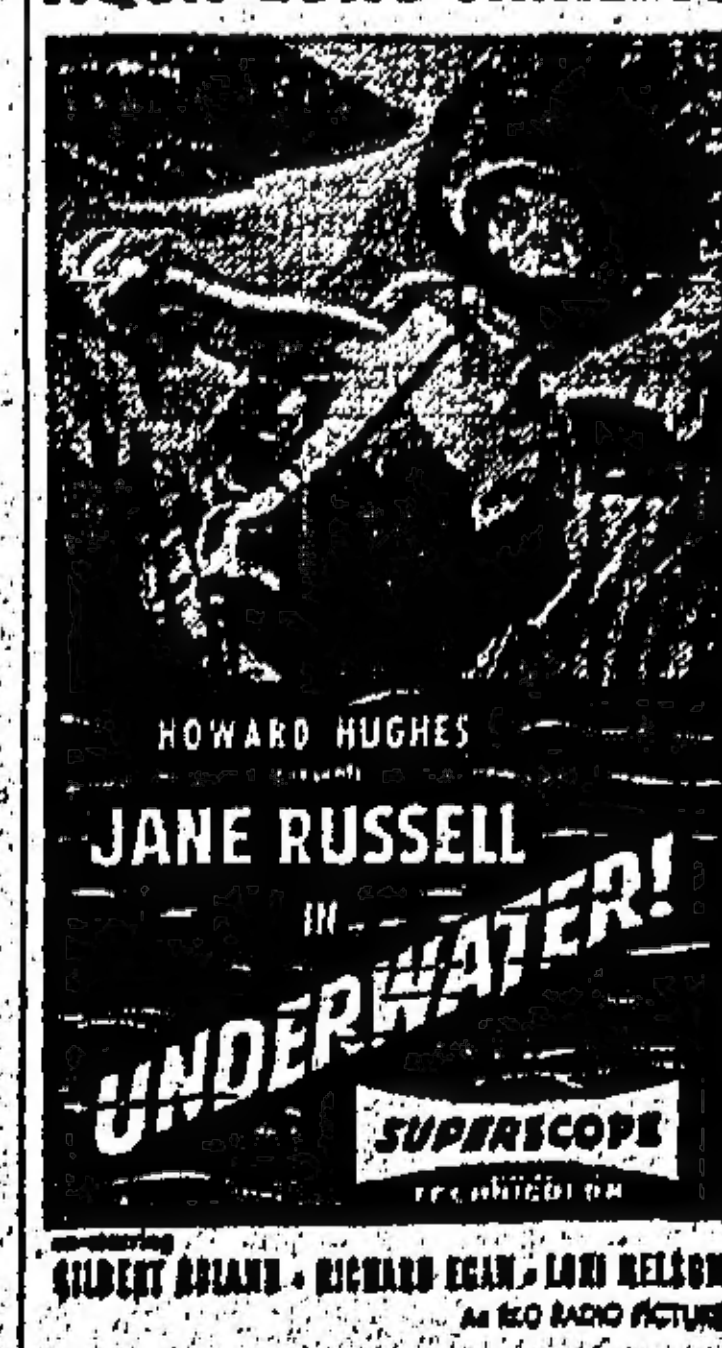
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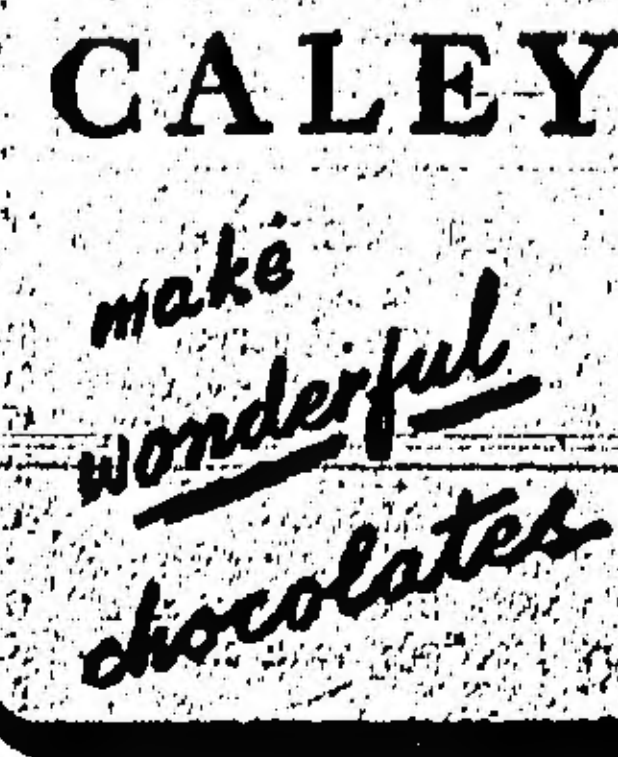


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## PROSECUTION LOSES CASE

### Woman Living With Native

Proctoria, May 12. A magistrate here ruled today that a 22-year-old woman living with an African had not broken the law because the prosecution had failed to establish she was a European.

He upheld Regina Elizabeth Brooks' appeal against her conviction on a charge of contravening South Africa's Immorality Act and set aside her four-month sentence.

The Act prohibits marriage or sexual relations between Europeans and coloured races.

The prosecution claimed Brooks, living with a 30-year-old African, police sergeant, at Orlando location near Johannesburg, was "a European housewife." She spoke only Zulu when she was arrested.

The magistrate said today that the prosecution had failed to establish that Brooks was either in appearance obviously a European or that she was by general acceptance and repute a European.

He also set aside a similar sentence on the police sergeant, Richard Kumalo—China Mail Special.

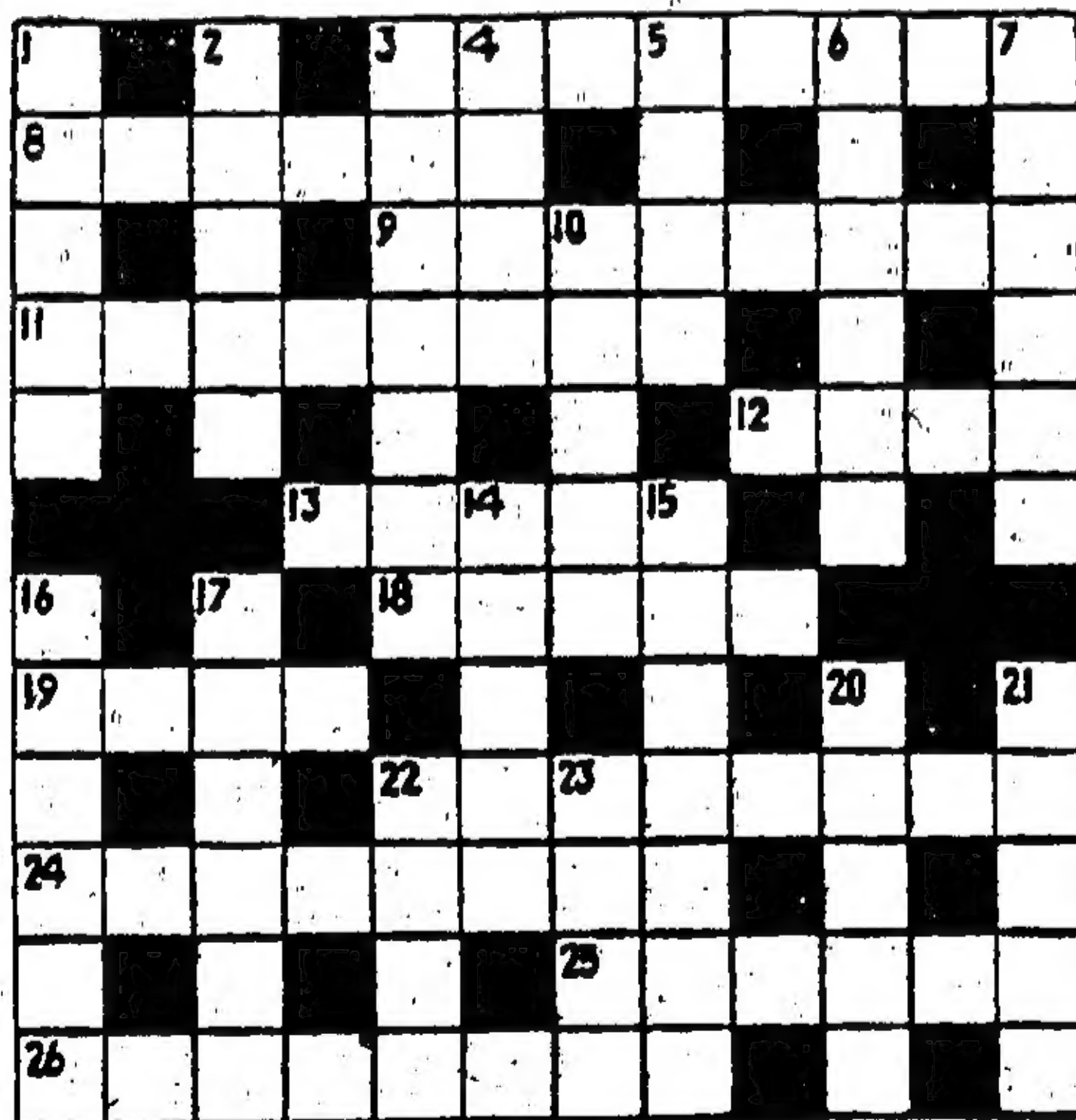
## Polio Figures Down On Period

Washington, May 12. A report of the United States Federal Health Service today that from January 1 to May 7, the total number of reported cases of poliomyelitis was 1,601 against 2,120 for the corresponding period in 1954.

The same report also showed that out of 5,000,000 people who have been vaccinated, 62 cases of confirmed polio have been registered, of whom four have died.

The Federal Health Service also noted that 149 new cases of polio were reported last week, two more than the week before and five more than the corresponding week of last year.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Syrup (8)
- 8 Value highly (8)
- 9 Military body (8)
- 11 Reached (8)
- 12 Object of worship (4)
- 13 First appearance (5)
- 18 Treated medicinally (5)
- 19 Shivering fit (4)
- 22 Title-line in newspaper (8)
- 24 Shift (8)
- 25 Builds (8)
- 26 Unnecessary (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Exclude (5)
- 2 Condition (5)
- 3 Deserved (7)
- 4 Sign (4)
- 5 Greedy (4)
- 6 Firm (8)
- 7 Determine (6)
- 10 Chase (5)
- 14 Uninterested (5)
- 15 Offers (7)
- 16 Inure (8)
- 17 Chase (6)
- 20 Trench (5)
- 21 Concise (5)
- 22 Cry loudly (4)
- 23 Grow old (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Converse, 7 Solar, 8 Arranges, 10 Remote, 13 Perfect, 15 Noel, 17 Errands, 18 Asperse, 20 Dean, 21 Satisfy, 26 Dures, 27 Interest, 28 Opine, 28 Tormentor. Down: 1 Usurp, 2 Blame, 3 Crate, 4 Veal, 5 Region, 6 Easels, 9 Recess, 11 Erase, 12 Often, 14 Treeds, 15 Nadir, 16 Edits, 18 Addict, 19 Pastor, 22 Tutor, 23 Aeris, 24 Easen, 25 Aria.

# RUSSO-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

## Moscow Holds Some Attractive Bait

## HARD BARGAINING IS EXPECTED

By Harold Guard

London, May 12.

Diplomatic quarters said today they estimated it would take about six months for Japan to come to terms with Russia in their negotiations for a peace treaty due to open here next month.

In the first place, they said, it has taken about four months for Japan and Russia to agree on London as the meeting place and that, even at this late date, there is no official starting time for the talks.

## Neo-Destour Leader Returning To Tunis

Paris, May 12. The exiled Neo-Destour (New Constitution) Tunisian leader, Habib Bourguiba, will return to Tunis next Wednesday, it was learned today on good authority.

Bourguiba, who has spent more than two years in "enforced residence" and exile in France as a result of political activity, has supported the present Tunisian government in its self-rule negotiations with France.

Tunisian nationalists have demanded that he be allowed to return to Tunis in view of the successful conclusion of the home rule talks.

Informed sources said that Bourguiba would leave Paris on Monday night by the special boat train for Marseilles and that he would arrive in Tunis on Wednesday.

It is probable that two members of the Tunisian Government, which includes members of the influential Neo-Destour Party, will meet the returning leader at Marseilles for the last lap of his trip home, these sources said.—United Press.

The Japanese Embassy said Jung I had been mentioned as the opening day and that the former Japanese Ambassador to London, Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, would speak for Japan.

### NOT OFFICIAL

"But so far there is nothing official about this. We have not been informed from Tokyo that the talks will open on June 1 or that Mr. Matsumoto will be coming," a spokesman said.

The Russian Embassy was equally as uninformative and the only comment forthcoming in answer to questions about the peace talks was "don't know."

American diplomats, however, believe that the Russo-Japanese talks will start on schedule on June 1 and that Japan will drive a hard bargain with her ancient enemy who has been technically at war since August 8, 1945.

The talks will be followed with more than usual interest among Western diplomats here because, it is believed, a peace treaty with Russia might mark a turning point in Japan's postwar policy.

Diplomats recognise that the Democratic Government of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, is not having things its own way in Japan where the basic political issue is whether to continue a strong pro-American policy or whether to strike out for more independence and normal relations with Russia and Red China.

On the Soviet side there are ample indications that Russia is doing its best to help Mr. Hatoyama. Moscow has let it be known through its radio broadcasts that they believe a peace treaty can be achieved more easily with Mr. Hatoyama as Prime Minister than with any other.

Moscow also has stated in recurrent broadcasts that the conclusion of Japan's commercial treaty with Red China plus a peace treaty with Russia would open up a great expanse of economic co-operation to relieve Japan's economy.

There have been plain hints in the Soviet broadcasts that Moscow and Peking have aligned their aims and methods to attract Japan towards the land powers of Asia.

The Soviets have let it be known that they have much to offer Japan—trade, fishing rights, support for her entry into the United Nations, the return of Japanese war prisoners and of the Habomai Islands which were occupied by Russia along with the Kuriles.

### INSULAR POWER

On the Japanese side, however, there have been indications that, in order to bargain, Japan may refuse to renounce sovereignty over the Kuriles and Sakhalin quite so absolutely as she did under the San Francisco Treaty in 1952.

British diplomats likened Japan's position to that of Britain as an insular power.

They believe Mr. Hatoyama must eventually turn to the land owners of Asia just as Britain has had to form a new and closer relationship with the continent of Europe.

It is recognised, however, that at stake is the future of Japan's major alliance with the United States which is vital to the Western defence against Communist expansion.—United Press.

## A Lesson In International Friendship



A lesson in international friendship can be taught by the Merseyside (North West England) United Nations Boys' Club, which brings youngsters together to work and play, regardless of colour, class or creed. The Club, the only one of its kind in Europe, has members between the ages of 4 and 16, representing many of the world's nationalities, including China, Africa, India, the West Indies, the Philippines, Portugal, Egypt, Great Britain, etc. The Club has a camping site at Ness in the Wirral, Cheshire, situated on the edge of the beautiful National Trust Property at Burton Wood, where regular camps are held during the summer months, the fifth season of which has just started. This United Nations Camp is just 90 minutes' journey from Liverpool's overcrowded Dockland areas, where many of the Club's members live. The boys themselves run the camps, the older ones looking after and guiding the little ones. They cook for themselves on open fires, introducing each other to their various national dishes. At these camps, in an atmosphere of happy communal life, the boys learn from experience that the colour of their skins, the clothes they wear or the religion they follow are not barriers against friendship and understanding. Picture shows: Enjoying a drink of pop together in the sunshine at the United Nations Boys' Club Camp at Ness (Cheshire) are left to right: Hazur Singh (India), Toni Fayal (Portugal) and Ng Soo (China).—Express Photo.

## NORTH INDO-CHINA TAKE-OVER

## 1m Vietnamese Will Be Stranded

Washington, May 12.

Diplomatic officials predicted today that about 1,000,000 Vietnamese who want to flee Communist rule will be stranded in North Vietnam after next Wednesday.

That is the deadline for the Communist take-over of the northern part of the Indo-Chinese nation. The flow of all refugees must stop then unless the Reds agree to extend the time limit.

The United States and some of its allies have been quietly trying to get the deadline extended so that persons still in the North can move South if they wish. But the authorities hold little hope that these efforts will succeed.

### OPPOSITION

The Red Chinese Radio made clear yesterday that the Communists oppose any such extension. It called the United States effort to move the first time limit back "a trick to continue forcible evacuation."

As of April 11, some 560,000 civilian Vietnamese had fled the

North for a new life in the free South. Officials estimated another 50,000 to 80,000 more would make the trip before next Wednesday's deadline.

But they said Communist obstacles and intimidation have kept another 1,000,000 from making the move. These Red tactics are in direct violation of the armistice agreement which states that civilians in either section of the divided nation "shall be permitted and helped" to move to the other section if they desire.

The Communists are reported to have done just the opposite. Refugees have told of being shot at by Red guards while trying to go South, of their children being snatched away and of heavy penalties being imposed on persons charged with encouraging refugees to go South.

As a result, many persons who would like to flee are afraid to apply.

Officials said that the outside world has been somewhat blinded to the Communist activities because of the great interest in the South Vietnamese governmental crisis. They said that the Reds have been able to "get away with murder."

Experts say that the atmosphere created by the Communists in the North makes it highly doubtful that all-Vietnam elections scheduled for next year to re-unify the nation ever will take place. They say it is impossible to conduct free elections in such an atmosphere where people get only one side of the picture—the Communist side.—United Press.

## Victory For Eisenhower

Washington, May 12.

The House handed President Eisenhower a major victory today by approving intact his planned military cuts and voting a whopping \$31,438,206,000 defence budget for this fiscal year.

The action came after the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Mr. Clarence Cannon, told members that any new war would be decided so fast the Army and the Navy would not even get into it.

Democrats split sharply on the issue.

Representative Daniel Flood sought in vain to restore proposed cuts in Army and Navy strength and to rebuild the Marine Corps to a previously-planned goal. His amendments were shouted down so decisively, however, that he did not even ask for a count.

Democrats backing the drive to restore the military cuts maintained the President was risking the nation's security in order to balance the budget.

Mr. Eisenhower's supporters shot back that the President's former five-star general—now more about military matters than any House member—They also said atomic and other "fantastic" new weapons had decreased the need for uniformed men.—United Press.

## Slander By Morse Code

Paris, May 12.

M. Rene Fonteneau and M. Georges Dupin for slandering today for tapping out insults to his honour and fidelity in Morse code on the radiator of their apartment house.

Former friendship forgotten, M. Fonteneau has filed the suit in a Paris civil court and is determined to bring it to trial. The friendship between the two men ended when M. Dupin allegedly sneered at M. Fonteneau, a former Army officer, one day that he had never served in the front lines.

A few nights later, listening to his radio, M. Fonteneau heard uneven beating coming up the radiator from M. Dupin's apartment below.

After a few nights, he claimed, he began taking down the dots and dashes and discovered that his honour, his fidelity and his morals were under slanderous attack. He asked the Court to put a stop to it.—United Press.

## US Sells Atomic Reactor

United Nations, May 12.

The United States will sell to the Swiss Government an experimental atomic reactor. It will be set up in Geneva to coincide with the international conference on peaceful use of atomic energy due to open there in August.

This was announced today by Mr. Rabbil, US technical adviser on preparations for the conference.

The United States is to present 524 scientific reports at the peaceful atom conference. Mr. Rabbil said. He added the Soviet Union had already submitted to the United Nations authorities over a hundred reports destined for the conference.—France-Press.

## 'AQUATOT'S' FATHER SENT TO GAOL

Miami, May 12.

BURLEY Russell Tongay began a 10-year prison term today for the drive death of his world-famous "Aquatot" daughter.

The Coast Guardman surrendered at the County Jail 25 minutes ahead of schedule to start serving his manslaughter conviction growing out of the death of five-year-old Kathy Tongay.

His school-teacher wife, who stood loyally by him throughout the long legal fight, did not appear. His attorney, Louis Jepevay, accompanied

him to the 19th floor of the skyscraper Court House goal.

Mr. Jepevay said that there are no legal grounds for appealing the conviction further. The Florida Supreme Court turned down a petition for a rehearing earlier this week after previously upholding the conviction.

The little swimming star, who was a diving champion, died May 8, 1953, several hours after a dive from a 35-foot tower at St. Vincent Beach Hotel pool. Following a dramatic trial in January, 1954, an all-male jury decided that Tongay was

## FREEDOM OF PRESS HAMPERED Government Pressure And P.R.O.s

Copenhagen, May 12.

Speakers at the morning session of the International Press Institute's General Assembly learned today that government pressure against the freedom of the Press was a serious matter nearly everywhere; needing constant vigilance to be prevented or eliminated.

Mr German Arciniegas, who lost his paper, the El Tiempo, under government pressure, outlined the present conditions in Colombia and in other Latin American nations.

He said communism was not a grave threat today, but might be the threat of tomorrow, and no help could be expected from the United Nations. A still gloomier picture would appear, however, if some of the 20 Latin American United Nations members turned Communist and supported the Iron Curtain bloc.

### MORE OPTIMISTIC

Mr Soekarnal Ghouse of Juganar, Calcutta, painted a more optimistic picture of the conditions in India where, he said, mutual understanding and trust existed between the government and the Press.

Mr Claude Desjardins of Le Parisien Libere pointed out two dangers to the liberty of the French Press:

1. The existence of a Government-controlled agency; and
2. The growing number of Press Attaches (Public Relations Officers).

The first danger was not very great, he thought, because the editors knew how to judge the agency material, but there was ample reason for continued fight against government infringement, he said.

Ahmed Yalman of Yatan, Istanbul, gave examples of month-long suspensions of Turkish papers, and appealed to the IPI to strive to make a pleasant climate for freedom.

Mr Werner Friedman of Stockholm's Zeitungs-Mund, proposed a "resolution" which suggested that the IPI from time to time publish columns on examples of government pressures.

### AROUSE READERS

Mr Terkel Torkelson of Berlin's Tidende, Copenhagen thought there was a gap between the reader's interest for freedom in general, and their interest for pressures against the Press.

He urged the editors to close the gap and arouse the reader's interest for Press problems to the benefit of all parties.—United Press.

## Search For King's Palace

London, May 12.

The palace of Edward the Confessor is being sought again this summer by archaeologists excavating at Old Windsor. From previous work a picture of life in Saxon England is already being pieced together.

The excavations are being continued by Mr Brian Hope-Taylor, archaeological consultant to the Ministry of Works, and a team from the Berkshire Society.

Written history says that Edward the Confessor and several early Norman kings had their favourite home at Old Windsor. In Domesday times it was known as Kingsbury and was the second largest town in Berkshire.

### MUCH BIGGER

The settlement is proving to be far bigger than expected and workers have had difficulty in giving an exact date for its beginnings. So far, evidence shows that it was started in about the seventh century.

Edward, the Confessor, is known to have had a palace or manor house on the site and the archaeologists hope to find it.

Preliminary excavations began four years ago after engineers found pottery and building fragments. But no one had any idea that they had started to uncover a lost town.

Since then, enough money—obtained from the Queen—has enabled the excavations to be carried out. Many burial sites have been uncovered.—London Express Herald.

## School Boycott

Nicosia, May 12.

Greek pupils at the Larnaca School boycotted their lessons today in protest against the Paphos trial last week, in which 11 Greeks and Cypriots received a total of 47 years in prison terms on charges of smuggling dynamite and using armed force against the Government.—United Press.



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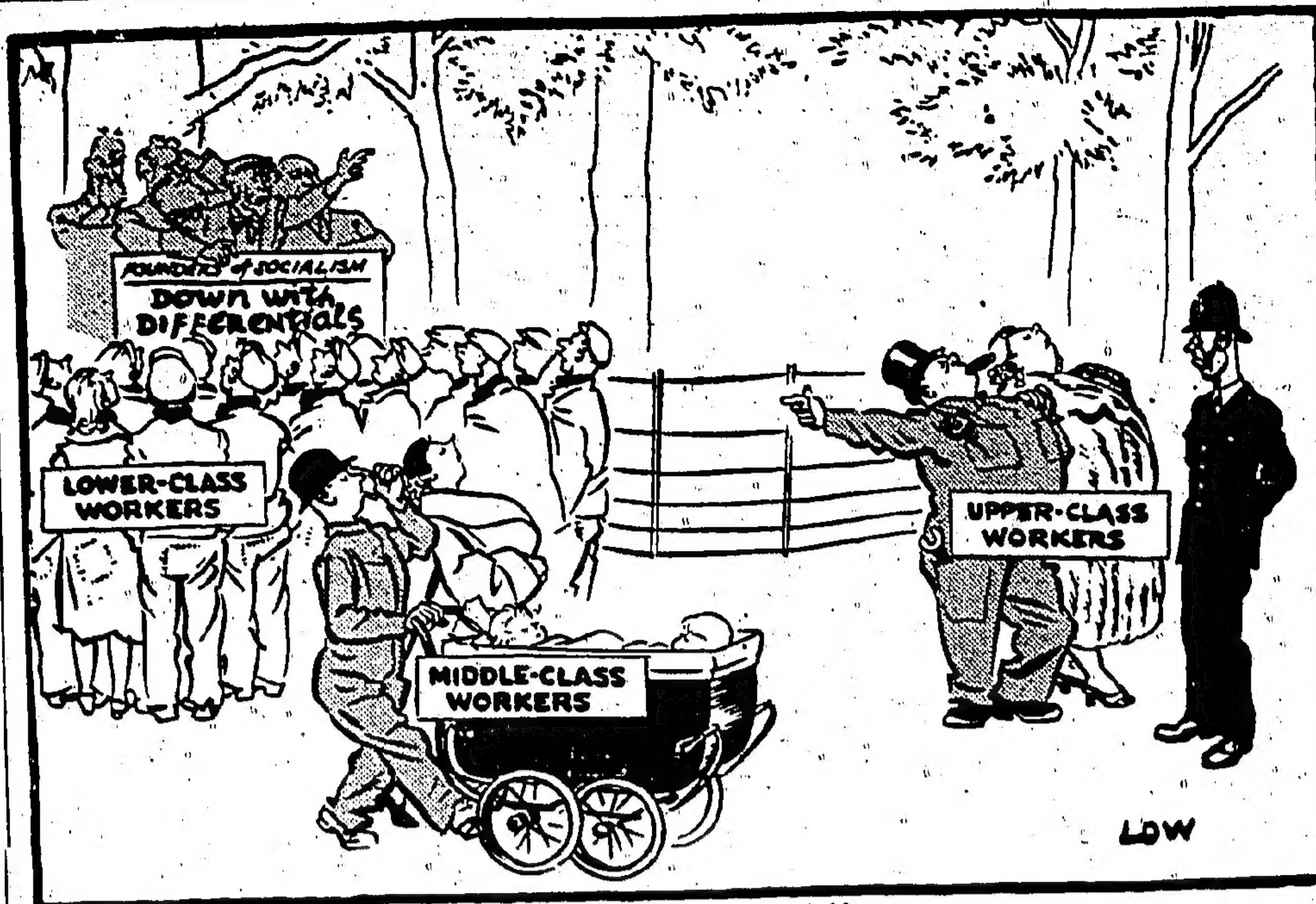
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THE CLASS WAR TODAY

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## DID IT HAPPEN?

- Another of the stories with a talking point at the end. Is it true-to-life FACT or imaginative FICTION?
- You are left to decide: DID IT HAPPEN?

IT was during October, a year or two after the war, and I was staying by myself in Freaque, one of those many little walled towns you find in the South of France, built during the Middle Ages, high up in the hills for safety against invaders. From the window of my room in Freaque's only hotel, I looked out across the vineyards of the plain to the Mediterranean.

Every morning, taking with me a long stick and a packet of food put up for me by good Madame, the patronne, I started off to explore the wild and deserted country that lay round about.

One day I walked further than I had meant to do and by the time I turned round to come back it was late—too late—the sun already low. I was hurrying forward, wanting to be in my own familiar valley again before the light had quite gone, when I saw ahead of me, barring my path, a very large rough-haired black dog. As I drew anxiously nearer it began to snarl.

Now, for as long as I can remember, I have had an ineradicable dread of dogs, and I knew I never could go past this one. The best thing, I decided, was to waste no time in trying to screw up courage I had not got, but instead to make at once a detour striking the road again further up, and perhaps even achieving a short cut. I plunged off to one side into the gorse and scrub. Behind me I heard barking, and began to run.

Presently it was impossible to run, for the scrub changed into thick undergrowth, then to a shoulder-high tangle, finally into thorn. As I turned this way and that to avoid being scratched beyond endurance I forgot altogether my first direction. Pretty soon I was lost.

Although it was not quite dark, for the moon was about to rise, the sun had gone; it was cold, and for the first time the countryside surrounding me seemed friendly no longer, but alien and hostile. Extreme loneliness overcame me, and I wept a little. Then I struggled on.

**Bolts slid back**  
I aimed uphill, in the calculation that if I continued I must sometime arrive at a summit. It was slow and painful, for the thorn imprisoned me like a quicksand, but after rather more than an hour I came on a path. The path led me downhill for a short distance until suddenly I was walking on grass again, and before me stood a cottage with a light showing dimly in one window.

I was so thankful, I ran and knocked against the door. At this a dog began to bark, then yelped and was silent. I heard no footsteps, but after a pause, a voice immediately on the other side of the door said: "Qui est la?"

"I am lost," I said. "Je me suis perdu." I could think of nothing else to say. The bolts slid back.

"Entrez, mademoiselle!" And I entered, for the tone was cordial, the bristly face broken up in smiles of welcome. I went forward, past this little man in his best and blue cotton trousers, into the room to be greeted by his wife. It was her expression that took me aback—the intense eagerness of it. She stood in front of the fire, leaning forward across the table on one hand, while with the other she held a lamp above her head. Her face, thrust out towards me, trembled and twitched as though with great excitement, and yet her bright black eyes, staring straight at me, had a peculiar unfocused look.

Under the table lay the large rough-haired black dog, growling in a menacing, though subdued fashion. I faltered, but the husband took hold of my arm familiarly from behind and pushed me on towards the fire.

He made me sit down. His wife disappeared into the shadows and came back with a bottle and glasses. I drank the pastis I hate so much, and he filled my glass again. They stood on either side of my chair, bending down to have their faces on a level with mine. They talked excitedly, both at the same time, but their voices were so loud, their Mid accents so broad, I could understand scarcely a word they said. And as they talked, they touched me.

**Horror**  
Their fingers made little darting movements to pick up the stuff of my skirt, to brush, as though by accident, my shoulder. I hate so much, and he filled my glass again. They stood on either side of my chair, bending down to have their faces on a level with mine. They talked excitedly, both at the same time, but their voices were so loud, their Mid accents so broad, I could understand scarcely a word they said. And as they talked, they touched me.

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## The Giant Who Shook Bandung

By RANDOLPH SMITH

SIR John Lionel Kotela-wala is a neutralist with a difference. He has said flatly that he wants Ceylon to be "the Switzerland of Asia"—standing between the Communists and the anti-Communists in an effort to keep the peace.

But that doesn't mean devoting himself to tell the Communists what fine, progressive people they are.

He shocked the Bandung conference by laying into "Soviet imperialism."

A little while ago, when India's Premier Nehru was explaining to the world how progressive the Chinese were and warning how disastrous another war anywhere would be, Sir John remarked tartly: "All men must die sometime."

That wasn't a callous acceptance of distance. Just a reminder of Sir John's deep-rooted conviction that there are some things worse than death.

A deeply pious Buddhist, Sir John believes that death is the door to spiritual progress. But he also believes that death may be the door to regress.

What a man does in this life will decide the issue.

In the 18 months since he became Prime Minister, Sir John has been doing much.

Ceylon—a tiny country with a population of barely eight million—has become a power to be reckoned with in Asia.

At Bandung, the delegates listened attentively and respectfully while he lambasted Russian imperialism. And, though he was nearly alone in his view, no one dared to suggest that the issue should be dropped without a discussion. Not even China's Chou En-lai.

At the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London four months ago, he played a leading part in drafting the plan for united Commonwealth defence. A plan with which Mr. Nehru would have nothing to do.

The British Commonwealth, he feels, is one of the world's great forces for peace and progress—so long as it remains a free union of independent nations united by common consent.

As for British colonialism, he had not hesitated to use harsh words when he thought Her Majesty's Government was off the track.

He has no time for ditherers. The year before he was Prime Minister, when he was serving as Minister of Transport and Works, he was faced with a wave of Communist-inspired strikes following the Government's decision to end the rice subsidy.

The strike threatened to wreck the economy.

Sir John proclaimed a state of emergency and sent in the troops and the police. The Communists saw a chance for civil war and started a fracas in which 21 were killed and 175 injured.

But Sir John was too fast for them. Within two days, the trouble was over.

When he became Prime Minister, one of his first acts was to pardon 2,000 civil servants who had been sacked during the strike.

But he wanted them: "I will have no truck with those who believe in revolutionary methods. One of my foremost duties will be to stamp out Communism from my country."

Since then, there hasn't been a peep out of the Communists.

Even the three who sit in the Parliament where Sir John's party has 54 out of the 101 seats—the biggest opposition party has only a fifth of this number—are quiet and well-behaved.

Chou En-lai must think of Ceylon as a blot on the map.



I took a step towards the door...

## IT'S TOO LATE TO LEAVE

by Emma Smith



AT 28 EMMA SMITH became in 1950 the youngest woman writer to win the Janet Tait Black Memorial Prize for the best story in the South of France. She had written for six months in 1949, after an ordeal for her first book, 'Maiden's Tale'. In 1951 she married Mr. Richard Stewart-Jones—first wife after they met at the Chelsea Arts Ball. They have one son.

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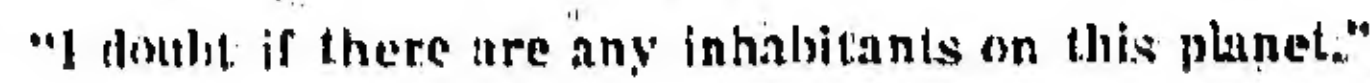




By OSWALD JACOBY

Had he done so, South would have gone down without much of a struggle. The point is that a high-low is a request, not a

## Answer Tomorrow



FRIDAY, MAY 13

Actually, you are not an aggressive person but are rather shy and retiring except when among those who are your close friends and associates. You of the feminine sex have a special attraction for members of the opposite sex and may have some difficulty in selecting a marriage partner from among several. Don't rush in making

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

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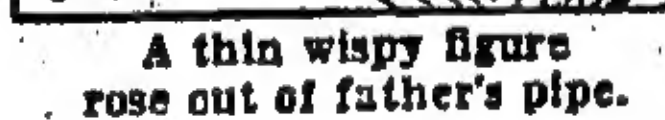
At a demonstration held at Heathcoat House, Sayville Row, London Miss Jean Gilbert, the well known British T.V. personality, is illustrated trying to set fire to a dress made of a new British fire-proof nylon. The dress which is worn by Pamela Brampston is claimed to be completely fire-proof, yet it retains all the usual properties of nylon. This material has been produced after ten years' research by the John Heathcoat Laboratories.—Express Service.

You can hurry the setting of gelatin dessert or salad by this method. Dissolve the gelatin in a little hot water and use ice water for the remainder of the liquid called for in the recipe. Or, use ice cubes which will make the setting even faster.

to remove silvers or soft sheets

By MAX TRELL

that's it!" exclaims the man.  
"You noodle! You must have  
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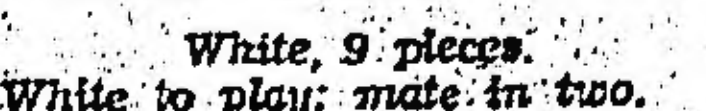


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The Inventor looks so angry that Rupert becomes more nervous than ever. "Please, I've found your testing engine," he says, "and I tried to go home, but the button wouldn't work. . . . So that's it!" exclaims the man. "You noodle! You must have pressed the wrong button. Instead of waiting for me to fetch you back, you've fetched me out here. Come, let's stop this nonsense. Push the round badge, not the square one." He grabs the engine as he speaks, and roars gently away. *—Continued on page 12*

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By ARTHUR A. PAUL  
Black, 8 pieces.

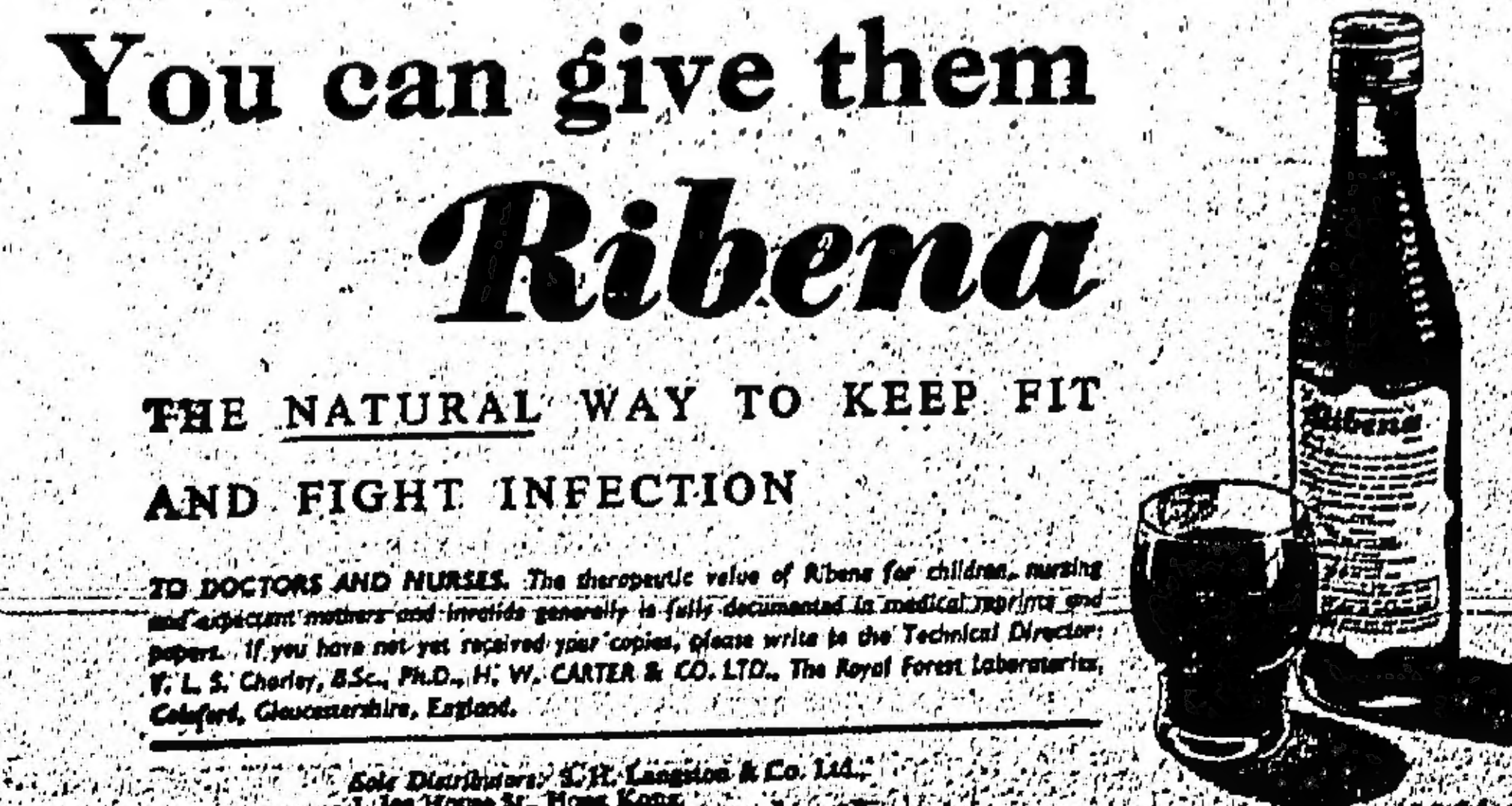


**Solution to yesterday's problem:**

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B-R6; 2. R×B; 1... Kt-K6  
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Validation Law, Federal Gazette  
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detailed provisions of the law to  
one of the above-named registra-  
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limit.

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prescribed manner within the  
time limits imposed, and for in-  
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security has been already  
officially called up for validation,  
and if so, the date of the ex-  
piration of the stipulated time  
limit, and also as to whether, as  
a result of an official pronoun-  
cement, a security issue has been  
declared exempt from the  
validation procedure.

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of the three Austrian banks  
named above. However, in this  
case the respective Austrian bank  
requires to be specifically  
empowered to carry through in  
the name of, and for the  
account of, the owner of the  
security, all the necessary mea-  
sures required by the validation  
procedure.

## Bourse Selling Spree

# WORST DAY OF BIG SLUMP

Paris, May 12.  
Prices on the Paris Stock Exchange fell  
another two to five points today—the worst day  
of the big slump which has been gathering strength  
since Monday.

After nearly two and a half years of a con-  
stantly rising market, closing prices yesterday on  
the Bourse were between 20 and 25 per cent lower  
than they were 10 days ago.

In the official cash market,  
pressure was so great that only  
about one-third of the selling  
orders could be executed and  
in the forward market 43 out  
of 109 shares remained un-  
quoted.

**TURNOVER**  
The Bourse turnover for  
today will not be known  
until tomorrow (Friday).  
But officials said it seemed  
to be about the same  
volume as yesterday—  
which was approximately  
7,000,000 francs (about  
£2,700,000).

Buyers are still holding back,  
expecting further declines at  
the weekend, but there is  
little nervousness among the  
brokers. The big mass of in-  
vestors has left its investments  
untouched, a leading Stock Ex-  
change official said.

Several brokers reported that  
there was no forward selling  
(selling ahead) indicating a  
belief that the market has  
nearly touched bottom.

Yesterday the decline had  
brought the price level to that  
of last March, which Bourse  
officials considered normal. To-  
day the further fall seemed to  
them to be excessive, judging  
by the intrinsic values of the  
shares.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting  
shown below are those for reg-  
istered correspondence posted at  
G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest  
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by the intrinsic values of the  
shares.

## FRIDAY, MAY 13

By Air  
Formosa, 5 p.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East, Africa, Great Britain &  
Europe, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
North Borneo, 2 p.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle  
East, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MAY 14

By Air  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-  
tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 9  
a.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.  
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 2  
p.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New  
Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan,  
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &  
Europe, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface  
Philippines, 8 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Formosa, 11 a.m.  
Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand,  
16 a.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,  
Noon.  
Thailand, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 1.30 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

## NOTICE

### TOLO HARBOUR FERRY SERVICE

On and after the 15th May, 1955,  
the timetable for the above Service  
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Leaving TAIPO KAU for TAP MUN:  
6.45 a.m. (On Sundays only this ferry  
will leave at 7.45 a.m.)  
2.15 p.m. (Via Ma On Shan, Shap Sze  
Reservoir, Lai Chi Chong and  
Tung San Ki)  
Leaving TAP MUN for TAIPO KAU:  
8.30 a.m. (Via Tung San Ki, Lai Chi  
Chong, Shap Sze Reservoir and  
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Morrison Hill Road, 4th Floor,  
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the Governor for naturalisa-  
tion, and that any person who  
knows any reason why  
naturalisation should not be  
granted should send a written  
and signed statement of the  
facts to the Colonial Secre-  
tary, Colonial Secretariat,  
Hongkong.

## Premier's Niece Dances Can-Can



## Coty Going To Denmark

Le Havre, May 12.  
President Rene Coty and  
Madame Coty arrived here by  
train from Paris today and im-  
mediately embarked on the  
battleship Jean Bart for a state  
visit to Denmark.

The presidential couple were  
welcomed aboard the Jean Bart  
by the Navy Chief-of-Staff,  
Admiral Henri Nomy.—France-  
Presse.

## FISHING BOATS ATTACKED

Tel-Aviv, May 12.  
Israel today accused Syria of  
attacking unarmed fishing boats  
on the Sea of Galilee.

An Israeli army spokesman  
stated in Tel-Aviv that Israeli  
fishing boats today came under  
heavy automatic fire from Syrian  
positions across the Sea of  
Galilee.

An Israeli patrol boat returned  
the fire, but no Israeli casualties  
were reported, the spokesman  
added.—France-Press.

# DEPOSED CARDINAL STILL OCCUPIES HIS PALACE

Seville, May 12.

The removal by the Vatican of all effective  
authority from Cardinal Pedro Segura, the 74-  
year-old Archbishop of Seville who has become  
famous for his outspoken criticism of the Spanish  
Government, of the Falange and even of General  
Francisco Franco himself, has created a curious  
situation in this ancient city.

While the Cardinal continues to occupy the  
Archbishop's Palace, a large and pleasant building  
situated just across the square from the Cathedral,  
to preach in the Cathedral and to preside at im-  
portant religious ceremonies, all the powers of the  
Archbishop are wielded by Monsignor Jose Maria  
Bueno Monreal, the Archbishop-Coadjutor appointed  
by the Vatican last November.

All communications to the  
Archdiocese from the Vatican  
are directed to Monsignor Bueno  
Monreal to whom all adminis-  
trative powers of the large  
Archdiocese, together with the  
right to succeed Cardinal  
Segura, were given when he was  
appointed.

**DURING ABSENCE**  
Formerly Bishop of  
Vitoria, Monsignor Bueno  
Monreal, now Archbishop  
of Andorra de Fildia,  
actually took possession of  
his new post during the  
absence of Cardinal Segura  
in Rome.

In appointing him thus with  
full powers and right of suc-  
cession, many people consider that  
the Vatican made it clear to  
Cardinal Segura that it would  
like to see him retire. As long  
as the Cardinal does not  
challenge any dogma of the  
Church, however, it seems that  
he cannot be removed from his  
position as titular Archbishop of  
Seville. So while he occupies  
the Archbishop's Palace, the  
Coadjutor lives in modest quar-  
ters in the Seminary (the Train-  
ing College for Priests) and has  
a tiny office from which he con-  
ducts the affairs of the  
Archdiocese.

Cardinal Segura's supporters  
are furious at what they regard  
as the unjust treatment of their  
pastor. Other Catholic circles  
show just as clearly their sup-  
port for the Archbishop-  
Coadjutor.

What particularly annoyed the  
Cardinal's supporters was the  
fact that Pope Pius XII not only  
named Archbishop Bueno  
Monreal as Coadjutor, with full  
powers over the Archdiocese but  
also gave him the right of  
succession. They refer to Mon-  
signor Bueno Monreal sarcastically  
as "The Crown Prince."

The austere Castilian from  
Burgos, one of whose first  
measures on reaching happy-go-  
lucky Seville was to ban all  
dancing, had been the centre of  
uproar and dispute long be-  
fore he was named Archbishop  
of Seville on September 14,  
1937.

## PRIMATE IN 1931

Cardinal Pedro Segura  
was Primate of Spain on  
April 14, 1931, when the  
Spanish Republic was pro-  
claimed following the death  
of King Alfonso XIII  
to leave Spain.

The uncompromising, sharp-  
spoken Cardinal came into sharp  
conflict with the authorities of  
the Republic. He was not the  
diplomat needed to steer the  
Church through the dangers  
created by the advent to power  
of violently anti-clerical political  
leaders. He was detained by  
the Republican police on June  
15, 1931, at Guadalupe and  
driven to the frontier. The  
Vatican accepted his resignation  
from the Primacy, and named  
Cardinal Goma to succeed him.

During his 17 years as Car-  
dinal Archbishop of Seville, in  
over 800 pastoral letters read  
in every church in his Arch-  
diocese and in more than 7,000  
sermons which he has preached,  
he has stormed against Protes-  
tants, Communism, Freemasonry,  
dancing, the agreement with  
the United States, and many other  
things which he considers are  
harmful to Spain.

He has consistently declined  
to attend the regular gatherings  
of the Metropolitan Bishops,  
that is to say, of the Archbishops  
of Spain. He did not attend the  
International Eucharistic Con-  
gress in Barcelona in 1952. He  
declined to attend any cere-  
mony held during General  
Franco's visit to Seville in 1953,  
and when General Franco asked  
a Seville Priest to say Mass for  
him during his stay in Seville,  
the Cardinal forbade this, say-  
ing that only a Priest named by  
himself could say Mass for the  
General.

His ban on all ballroom  
dancing led to numerous con-  
flicts and he placed the Mayor  
and eight Councilors of the  
town of Los Palacios in "ex-  
tremis," a form of restricted  
excommunication from the  
Church, because when told that  
at the local annual fiestas, the  
religious ceremonies would be  
cancelled if the people held  
dances, the Mayor and most of  
the Councilors opted for the  
dances.

The Cardinal excommunicated  
the Civil Governor of Seville  
because the latter, as a  
Falangist, wanted to have  
memorial lists of the names of  
Falangists who were killed in  
the Civil War inscribed on the  
walls of the churches. In this,  
the Cardinal received more  
popular support than for most  
of his other measures. Catholics  
objected to having it made to  
appear that only Falangists were  
regarded as good Catholics.

**CONTROVERSIES**  
Responsible religious au-  
thorities here in Seville say  
that the many controversies  
aroused by the Cardinal in  
addition to his advanced  
age and his ill health were  
the reasons which led the  
Vatican to appoint an  
Archbishop-Coadjutor to  
deal with the adminis-  
trative work of the Arch-  
diocese.

These authorities deny that  
any political motive is involved.  
On the contrary, they say, if  
any attempt were made at  
political persecution of the  
Cardinal within Spain, the  
Church would undoubtedly  
stand firmly behind him.—China  
Mail Special.

## Trans-Polar Flight

Stockholm, May 12.

The four-engined Erik Viking  
of the Scandinavian Airlines,  
which left Stockholm to fly over  
the North Pole on its way to  
Japan landed this morning at  
0116 GMT at Fairbanks in  
Alaska, it was reported here.

The plane is carrying 40  
passengers, 23 of them being  
Swedish delegates to a meeting  
of the International Chamber of  
Commerce in Tokyo.

Seven of the delegates are  
accompanied by their wives,  
who are the first Swedish  
women to fly over the Pole.—  
France-Press.

Oslo, May 12.

Children are collecting  
pennies here to buy a  
gift for the discoverer of the  
new polio-vaccine, Dr. Jonas E.  
Salk.

The gift will probably take  
the form of a painting by a  
contemporary Norwegian artist.  
—China Mail Special.

## US AID SUCCESS IN ASIA

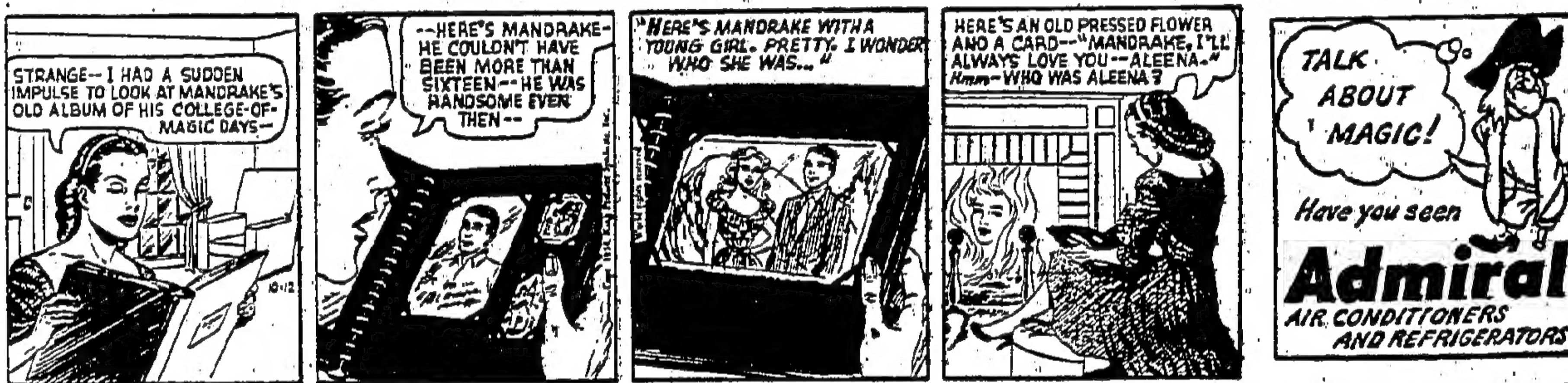
Washington, May 12.

Russia's increasing economic  
activity in southern Asia is due  
in part at least to the success  
of the American aid programme  
in that part of the world, the  
Foreign Affairs Committee of  
the Senate was told today by  
Mr. George Allen, former  
American Ambassador to India,  
and now Assistant-Secretary of  
State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The American aid programme  
for the fiscal year beginning  
July 1, 1955, schedules 181  
million dollars for India,  
Pakistan, Nepal and Afghanis-  
tan.—France-Press.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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# US TOLD TO ABANDON COTTON

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 12. Stocks ran their decline through the fourth session today but the drop was relieved by a late rally that halved early losses.

All groups were hit by the selling which boosted to more than \$3,000,000,000 the drop in market valuation this week.

Steele and aircraft were among the hardest hit, but they were among the best recovery move, too.

A small group of special issues moved strongly. Allied Chemical headed the list with a gain of more than 3. Zenith was up 2 1/2, Honolulu Oil 2 1/4.

Trading for the first time picked up on the downside with turnover of 2,836,000 shares the heaviest since April 20, compared with 2,120,000 yesterday.

### INDUSTRIALS LOWER

Industrial shares finished 2.09 points lower on average, with drops of nearly 3 points in US Steel and Du Pont, a point or more in American Smelting, Bethlehem Steel, among others. Rail losses ranged around 2 points.

Utilities dropped .037 on average. Aircraft shares had losses ranging around 2 points in Douglas and General Dynamics. Goodrich fell 3 in the tyres. Activity centred in General Dynamics, Textiles and Boeing. Of 1,213 issues traded, 679 were lower, 285 higher. Exchange bond volume was 3,370,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 780,000 shares.

### YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allied Chemicals	109	109
Allied Mills Inc.	37	37
Alcoa	72 1/2	72 1/2
American Cable & R.	51 1/2	51 1/2
American Metal	41 1/2	41 1/2
American Smelting	41 1/2	41 1/2
American Steel	102 1/2	102 1/2
American Tob. Co.	70 1/2	70 1/2
Armstrong	14 1/2	14 1/2
Armstrong	14 1/2	14 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	44 1/2	44 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	129 1/2	129 1/2
Borden (The) Co.	54 1/2	54 1/2
Borden	28 1/2	28 1/2
Canadian Pacific R.	30 1/2	30 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co.	18 1/2	18 1/2
Case	18 1/2	18 1/2
Chase Nat. & Man.	50 1/2	50 1/2
Chile Copper	45 1/2	45 1/2
Chrysler Motors	75 1/2	75 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Consolidated Edison	40 1/2	40 1/2
Continental Steel	87 1/2	87 1/2
Corn Products	75 1/2	75 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	75 1/2	75 1/2
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16 1/2	16 1/2
Curtis Wright	105 1/2	105 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	105 1/2	105 1/2
Eastman Kodak	65 1/2	65 1/2
Eastman	65 1/2	65 1/2
General Electric	50 1/2	50 1/2
General Motors	52 1/2	52 1/2
General	52 1/2	52 1/2
Glidden Co.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	58 1/2	58 1/2
Goodyear Tire	58 1/2	58 1/2
Home State Mining Co.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Inland Steel	40 1/2	40 1/2
International Nickel	60 1/2	60 1/2
International Paper	25 1/2	25 1/2
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	25 1/2	25 1/2
John-Manville Co.	80 1/2	80 1/2
Kansas C. Power & Light	104 1/2	104 1/2
Kennecott Copper	60 1/2	60 1/2
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	42 1/2	42 1/2
Lowell Inc.	40 1/2	40 1/2
Long Star Cement Co.	37 1/2	37 1/2
Louisville & Nashville R.	18 1/2	18 1/2
Monsanto Chemical Co.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Montgomery Ward	77 1/2	77 1/2
National Cash Reg. "A"	42 1/2	42 1/2
National Distillers	60 1/2	60 1/2
National Lead	65 1/2	65 1/2
New York Central	40 1/2	40 1/2
Otis Elevator	47 1/2	47 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec.	47 1/2	47 1/2
Pan American Airways	18 1/2	18 1/2
Paramount Pictures	18 1/2	18 1/2
Parke Davis Co.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Penny J. C. Co.	91 1/2	91 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	71 1/2	71 1/2
Radio Corporation	40 1/2	40 1/2
Reo Motors	18 1/2	18 1/2
Republic Steel	87 1/2	87 1/2
Shell Oil Co.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Sinclair Oil	52 1/2	52 1/2
Socony Vacuum	52 1/2	52 1/2
Southern Railway (Com.)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Standard Brands	20 1/2	20 1/2
Standard Oil of Cal.	78 1/2	78 1/2
Standard Oil of Ind.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Standard Oil of N.J.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Swift & Co.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Texas Co.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Union Carbide	24 1/2	24 1/2
Union Pacific Railway	16 1/2	16 1/2
United Gas. Imp.	67 1/2	67 1/2
U.S. Gypsum	20 1/2	20 1/2
U.S. Line Co.	20 1/2	20 1/2
U.S. Smelting	20 1/2	20 1/2
U.S. Steel	20 1/2	20 1/2
Warner Bros.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	20 1/2	20 1/2
West Va. Pulp & Paper	20 1/2	20 1/2
Woolworth	20 1/2	20 1/2

### London Foreign Exchange

New York	27 1/2-28 1/2
Amsterdam	10 1/2-10 3/4
Brussels	12 1/2-12 3/4
Copenhagen	19 1/2-19 3/4
Oslo	20 1/2-20 3/4
Stockholm	14 1/2-14 3/4
West Marks	11 1/2-11 3/4
All others unchanged	United Press.

## SUBSIDY IDEA

### World Manufacturers And Producers Await Export Decision

Cairo, May 12.

The Egyptian Government is apprehensive of the United States cotton export policy for the coming season, and has asked the American authorities to refrain from subsidising cotton exports in order to give other cotton producing countries a "fair deal" in the world markets.

The head of the Egyptian Government Cotton Department, Farid Mustafa, said in a Press conference that the "uncertainty" regarding the United States cotton export policy has greatly reduced Egypt's cotton exports. In fact, he said, the exports of all other cotton producing countries have also been affected for the same reason.

He said that Egypt has requested the United States Department of Agriculture to put a stop to the present low in world cotton exports by announcing that no government subsidy will be given for American cotton exports in the season starting in July. By so doing, he said, America would greatly help revive world-wide cotton exports.

### World Cotton Markets

New York, May 12. Cotton prices today developed a steadier tone following expiration of the May contract in the noon hour.

Buying credited to Carolina mill accounts, plus shipper covering anticipated additional export sales to Korea and Spain, acted to brace the price structure and eliminate small opening losses.

Closing on a rally the list showed net gains of 10 to 13 points, the market opened unchanged to off 14 points.

The May contract, a few-cent rise, closed up 1 to 12 points, over a range of 70 cents a bale, then went off the board trading at 34.48-50 cents a pound for an overnight loss of six points.

Trade sources estimated delivery notices against May today approximated 25,000 bales.

With expiration of the May delivery, traders looked for a new look at the picture, with opinion consensus indicating day-to-day weather and crop developments hereafter will become a major price-shaping factor.

The Commodity Credit Corporation overnight reported withdrawals from the 1954 loan programme for the week ended May 6 totalled 12,174 bales. Related data showed entries of 23,918 bales for the week.

Trading volume and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest

May 18,000 36,400

July 37,000 70,100

Oct. 12,100 47,900

Dec. 17,900 47,900

Mar. 1,100 34,100

May 6,200 22,500

July 3,400 115,300

Total 119,500 2,246,300 bales

### NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.50

May 34.50

July 34.10

Oct. 34.10

Dec. 34.10

Mar. 34.10

May 34.10

July 34.10

Oct. 34.10

Dec. 34.10

Mar. 34.10

### SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were, as follows:

July 29.00

October 29.00

December 29.00

March 29.00

May 29.00

July 29.00

### BRING DOWN PRICES

Foreign repercussions of such an American move would be that the other cotton producing countries will automatically have to bring down their cotton prices to even out with the American price sale.

A drop in world cotton prices would seriously affect Egypt's cotton revenue, which is the most important credit item in the national economy. That is why Egypt is actively trying to

stave off an American decision to grant subsidies on cotton exports.

Mustafa pointed out that Egypt's cotton sales are at present at a near standstill. He explained that cotton importing countries are now following a "hand to mouth" policy, buying a little at a time while awaiting America's decision.

Those countries, he said, are holding off their big purchasing orders in anticipation of a possible drop in world prices following an American decision to subsidise exports.

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Mustafa recalled that the Liverpool Cotton Exchange recently pressed the American Government for an early decision for or against the subsidy policy, because the present uncertainty is causing a prejudice to long-term contracts and an abnormal rise in the short term.

The Egyptian official said that Egypt went one step further than Liverpool in calling for the United States to abandon the subsidy idea, because Egypt is a cotton producer herself, and the subsidy would be in the event of an American decision.

Latest reports from the Sudan also indicate that cotton circles there share Egypt's anxiety on the still undefined American policy.

The weekly auction sales of Gezira cotton in the Sudan have been stopped awaiting America's decision on the next season's cotton exports.

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